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CONFIDENTIALCOCOM Document No. 3836MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONconcerningTHE EXPORT OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE ARTERIAL GRAFTSTO THE USSR (AE-6)

The United States authorities have received a request to export to V/O Sojuzchimexport, Moscow, 180 pieces of arterial graft prothesis in various dimensions and 28.5 meters of arterial graft prothesis, both for surgical purposes and made of polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon), embargoed under AE Item 6. The value of these grafts is \$3,704 and the total weight is 5.4 pounds, whereas ordinary Teflon tubing costs about \$10 per pound.

The United States requests Committee approval of this export as an ad hoc exception, since the quantity is small and the only practical end-use for tubing of this nature is in the replacement of defective blood vessels in specialized surgery.

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